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Homeless census underway today in West Sacto

The County of Yolo is conducting a "point in time" census of the local homeless population this week. In West Sacramento, that count will be going on today.

The count is done every two years to analyze the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless people living in the county, and study their needs, reports county spokeswoman Beth Gabor. It's mandated by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and most communities in the country will perform such a census this time of year.

Yolo County will also use a grant this year from "We County, California!" to target unaccompanied young people (age 14-24) in the county and develop a plan for developing outreach to them.

Other Yolo County communities are performing their "point in time" homeless count this week as well.

Local homeless service providers are accepting donations such as small-denomination gift cards, warm gloves, socks and hats, and hygiene products to distribute to the homeless during the county.

One such organization is the United Christian Centers facility at 110 6th Street in West Sacramento, which can be reached at (916) 372-0200.

'Mad Science' show to erupt at West Sac library



It's always a surprise when Dr. Proton mixes two colored liquids together. Will it burst into flame, smell like flowers, or turn an unexpected color?
(Courtesy photo)

By Al Zagofsky
Correspondent

"Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic," wrote science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke, and Mad Science's Fire and Ice show at the Turner Community Library is set to prove the point.

On Saturday, January 31 at 2 PM, a free performance by Mad Science of Sacramento Valley will take place at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento.

The mad scientist himself, Doug Christensen, a.k.a. Dr. Proton—a tall, slim crazy-haired guy reminiscent of a doppelgänger of *Back to the Future's* Dr. Emmet Brown, will present Fire and Ice— a show that mixes science and madcap humor focused on the kindergarten-to-sixth-grade set with enough charm to make it a fun afternoon for their parents.

"You're going to see some awesome science experiments," said Dr. Proton. "We start with a magic trick that will blow your mind."

"Fire is a very powerful thing and it is super dangerous too. The more you know, the more you can be smart and around fire."

"We're going to ignite some fuel, and you are going to see a huge flame jump out. We are also going to talk about how fuel and air mixtures can be dangerous. We are going to show you exactly what can happen if you have the wrong kind of fuel and air mixture."

"When we get to the ice part, we will find out about how things can be very cold. We are going to make a volunteer dance on the ice."

"Then, we are going to talk about burps, and how things happen when you burp. We're going to make bubbles and have some fun with that. And then, we will learn about spooky scenes they make in the movies by using super cold dry ice."

"I really like the idea of getting the kids excited and making science accessible. Science is

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POLICE LOG

News items below are collected from police dispatchers' notes and arrest reports. The information in them has often not been verified beyond the initial reports.

Jan. 17, 7:05 a.m.
A police sergeant found a single round of 0.22 caliber ammo in the floor of the pre-booking area at the police station. A search for more ammo, or a possible hidden weapon, didn't turn up anything.

Jan. 17, 8:15 a.m.
Officers conducted a parole/probation check at residences on Proctor Avenue and Solano Street. Nothing untoward was reported.

Jan. 17, 12:05 p.m.
Someone scratched the paint on a Carmel Bay Road man's parked car.

Jan. 17, 12:45 p.m.
A man returned to his Webster Street home to find it had been burglarized. A thief went in the back door and stole a couple of laptop computers. The victim suspected a former friend who had a methamphetamine habit.

The victim went looking for the man, and found the 31-year old transient nearby with at least one of the computers. Police arrested the suspect.

Jan. 17, 1:55 p.m.
A West Capitol Avenue woman told police she keeps getting traffic tickets mailed to her. Apparently, even though she has her driver's license in her possession, someone is using her driver's license info and racking up violations.

Jan. 17, 11:39 p.m.
A window at the Merkley Avenue post office was found shattered.

Jan. 17, 11:55 p.m.
An officer spotted a man "stumbling down the sidewalk from a bar" on Sunset Avenue. The man had slurred speech and indicated to the officer that he thought he was in Yuba City.

The 27-year old man, a resident of that city, was arrested for being too drunk to care for himself.

Jan. 18
A Norfolk Avenue woman reported her wallet was stolen during a car burglary. The loss was $1,150.

Jan. 18, 1:30 a.m.
On Gardenia Avenue, somebody broke into a parked RV and lit it

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Council looks at riverfront amenity and change to city water plant



The old Rice Mill Pier is just north of U.S. 50 at the Sacramento River (the freeway can be seen in the background. City officials hope to transform it into a 'dramatic' pedestrian overlook and an asset to the riverfront.
(City of West Sacramento photo)

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's city council will look at a number of items when it meets tonight in public session at 7 p.m. at 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Among them:

■ Further preparations for the construction of a link between the new Mike McGowan Bridge and Village Parkway in Southport. The extension – four lanes, initially striped for two, with bike lanes and other amenities – is planned for construction later this year.

Dokken Engineering is working on design, environmental analysis and other pre-construction work on the project. The city has received $2.5 million from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments to

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West Sac gets grant to help support 'urban farm' locations



Farmer Sara Bernal at the 5th & C urban farm soon after the new soil was trucked in. Neighbors include older homes, newer urban townhouses, a liquor store and the I Street Bridge. (News-Ledger photo/May, 2014)

The City of West Sacramento has received $40,000 in grants and in-kind donations for its urban farm program, courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. The city was one of four national winners in a program to support gardening and green spaces.

West Sacramento, partnering with the Center for Land-Based Learning, opened up an urban farm last year at the corner of 5th and C streets in the "Washington" neighborhood, near the I Street Bridge.

The new grant will help the partners improve that farm – including creation of a new "point of sale" farm stand – and pursue other urban farms in the city.

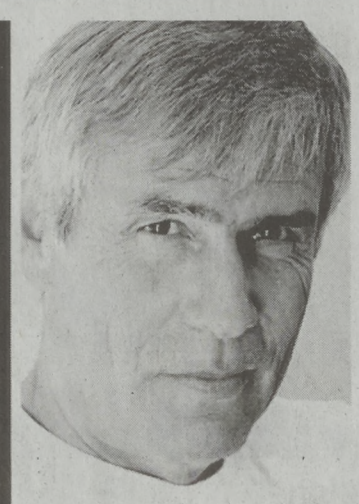
The farm is meant to help new young farmers launch their career, bring fresh produce to an underserved area, and create a positive use on a former vacant lot. City officials believe that eventually, courtesy of market forces, the temporary farm at 5th and C will give way to new development as the neighborhood is revitalized.

"The level of excitement and community support for the urban farming initiative has been extraordinary," said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon in a city press release. "West Sacramento residents recognize urban farms as

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The clock ticks faster for the single man

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

A friend of mine lost her mother a few months ago and she has had a particularly hard time getting over it.

"I think there are people in this life who are simply irreplaceable," she told me the other day, "and my mother was one of them. She was at the heart of everything my family did, from mending fences when the relatives were fighting to cooking all the big meals during the holidays. In addition to being bright and funny and always in my corner, she was also my best friend and mother confessor, and I'm still trying to figure out a way forward without her in my life."

"Emily Dickinson once wrote that 'Parting is all we know of heaven, and all we need of hell'," I said, admitting that it was the only thing that has ever really made much sense to me about this mortality thing that all of us human beings share.

"Well," said my friend, "she was sure right about that!"

At the end of our conversation I found myself thinking about the reality that none of us Homo sapiens have a very good handle on the subject of death, although Achilles said the fact that none of us get out of this thing alive actually makes the gods envy us. More specifically, he said that the gods envy us because we are mortal, because any moment might be our last, and that everything around us is more beautiful "because we are doomed".

There is also John Donne's wonderful take on death in his famous poem entitled "Death Be Not Proud", which I have always liked, where he says death is simply the slave of such things as fate, chance, kings, desperate men and sickness, and that, "One short sleep past, we wake eternally, and death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die."

Anyway, I guess being doomed is always the elephant in the room, and thinking about that reality suddenly reminded me of another conversation, although this one happened more than 20 years ago, and in the Arthur F. Turner Library of all places. It wasn't about the fact that the Grim Reaper ends up on all of our doorsteps sooner or later, but rather how to go about keeping him away for as long as possible, and it went something like this:

"Hi, Mr. Fisher," said a slightly familiar voice as a good-looking young man suddenly sat down next to me at one of the library's reading tables. "Remember me? I'm David. I used to date your daughter."

"Oh, sure, I remember you, David," I lied, having always had a difficult time keeping up with my daughter's love life when she was younger.

"Actually, we didn't date that often, but we always seemed to have a nice time when we did. How have you been?"

"Fine. And how about you?"

"Well," he said with a deep sigh, "I was actually doing pretty good until I decided to take this stupid 'Death and Dying' class this semester."

"They actually have a college course named 'Death and Dying'?" I asked with interest.

"Oh yeah, and there's more than one section of it, too. It's a very popular psychology class at Sac State and I thought it was going to be really easy, but boy was I wrong."

"How so?"

"Well, it's just kind of depressing at times, with the teacher always bringing in these guest speakers who have had really terrible things happen to them, and a couple of weeks ago we even had to go on a field trip to the morgue. At least they kept the sheets on the bodies."

"So," I said, hoping to change the subject, "what brings you to the library today?"

"I've got to do a research paper for that class, about how women outlive men by about eight years on average. My assignment is to try and figure out why."

"I didn't know that women live that much longer than men," I said with surprise. "Are you sure? Eight years sounds a little high."

"Oh, no," he assured me, it's definitely eight years. And for every man who lives to be 70, two women do it."

"Really?"

"And according to everything I've been reading," he continued, "there's not a whole lot that us men can do about it, either. I mean, we can try to eat healthy foods, exercise regularly, quit smoking and go easy on the alcohol, but that's about it, except for one other thing."

"And what is that?" I asked with interest.

"We can get married."

Our chat wasn't about the fact that the Grim Reaper ends up on all of our doorsteps sooner or later, but rather how to go about keeping him away for as long as possible.

"Really? Is that right?"

"I'm afraid so," he said, obviously less than thrilled as he pulled out a draft page from his report. "Just listen to some of this stuff. 'Marriage has a beneficial effect for both men and women, but the effect is much, much stronger for men. In fact, a good marriage is almost like a wonder drug for men, and married men end up with a three-to-four year advantage in life span over confirmed bachelors. And the problem with that is I'm a confirmed bachelor!"

"I see."

"By the way, what does your daughter think about marriage now that she is a little older? She was sure against it when I knew her."

"Well," I said, "I'm afraid nothing much has changed. In fact, the last I heard, she still thinks getting married is something no woman in her right mind would do nowadays."

"You know," said David with conviction, "that's just not fair!"

"What's not fair?" I asked with interest.

"Well, your daughter and I think exactly alike when it comes to marriage, but if you add up the eight extra years she gets for just being a woman, and the four years I'm going to lose by staying single, and she's going to end up living twelve years longer than I do!"



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Events around the region

Spanish book fair

California Gold REFORMA Chapter and the Yolo County Library invite you to their annual Spanish Language Book Fair on February 17th from 9 am to 4 pm at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, located at 315 E. 14th Street in Davis. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome. For more information call 530-848-8768 or go to www.yolocountylibrary.org.

Naturalization info

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will host a 90-minute information session at the Folsom Public Library, 411 Stafford Street in Folsom, on February 24 at 6pm. The session is part of a larger USCIS initiative to help immigrants better understand the naturalization process. Free educational materials will be handed out while supplies last. For more information call 415-987-0191.

Winter ball

An elegant evening devoted to charity will happen on January 31st at the Courtyard Marriott, 1782 Tribute Road in Sacramento, beginning at 6 pm, when Winter Ball 2015 will be held, benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Cocktails will be followed by a plated dinner service, a silent auction, entertainment and dancing. Tickets are $50 per person and can be purchased online at www.winterball2015.com.

Crocker Museum tours

Sacramento's famous Crocker Art Museum will be holding introductory tours on all Saturdays and Sundays in January at 11 am, 12 noon, 1 & 2 pm. Visitors will discover the essence of the Crocker's permanent collection and the tours are free to museum members and free with general admission for non-members. The Crocker is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento. For more information go to crockerartmuseum.org.

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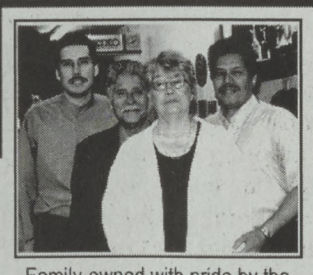
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Join survival expert, Chris Stephens as he shares his tracking skills and hilarious stories while walking along the riparian preserve. This is an excellent place to find tracks and scat of a variety of different animals due to the farm's wildlife friendly farming and proximity to water.

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LEFT: Chris Stephens (at right) with young trackers at Conaway Ranch in Yolo County.
ABOVE: the lack of clawmarks tells us this is a feline pawprint.
(courtesy photos)



'Moneygram' for child support

From Beth Gabor
County of Yolo

Starting this month, parents will be able to pay their child support in cash at thousands of MoneyGram locations throughout California.

Previously, parents paying child support in cash could only do so by visiting a county or regional local child support agency that accepts in-office payments. In Yolo County, the Child Support Services office is located at 100 West Court Street in Woodland. Those who stand to benefit the most by paying through MoneyGram are the self-employed, those working seasonal jobs and those who don't engage in traditional banking.

"We are pleased that we have been able to make the process easier for parents to pay their child support," said Yolo County Department of Child Support Services Director Natalie Dillon in a press release. "This partnership with MoneyGram will benefit the parents who owe child support, and will translate into more payments for their children."

There are approximately

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cool! I'm fired up about it."

"The Mad Scientist of the Sacramento Valley has come to the Turner Community Library before and always draws many people," said Yolo Library director Rachel Wolf. "You see smiles on kid's faces—people have a good time."

It was just one of those quirky things that brought Doug Christensen to join Mad Science of the Sacramento Valley. He was a techie nerd who found himself in the doldrums of a midlife crisis when his wife told him about a Craigslist advertisement for a job teaching science to kids after school. He tried it, liked it, and bought the company.

"It was one of those divine moments," he said. "I thought that it brought my gifts together. I have a passion for kids in the 3rd and 4th grade age range. I love the way you can banter with them—and they listen to your jokes."

Christensen has two children of his own, a boy and a girl— both grown. "My kids were great at that age. I like performing, and enjoy speaking on stage and communicating a message. But I didn't know what my message would be—but I did know that I'm handy and I love to fix things."

Although Dr. Proton stands a towering 6 foot - 4 inches, it's his style to get down on one knee to explain science to a six-year-old. He'll say, "Let's look at this together. What do you think is going to happen if I mix this and this together?"

"I wait for their answer and respect them, and if they are respected, they will come out of their shell and participate, and we will see something cool, and really get fired up about it."

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build the extension.

The extension will help provide an alternative to the Jefferson Boulevard corridor for Southport residents living near the river.

■ Awarding a contract to design a process to convert the city's water treatment plant from one that uses chlorine gas to one that uses liquid hypochlorite.

Most local plants have already forgone chlorine gas, reports a city staff report. The gas is regarded as dangerous in the event of an accident or terrorist act, and it's regulated by the Department of Homeland Security. Utility plants have an exemption to use it, but that exemption is under threat.

After a bidding process, city staff has proposed awarding a design contract to Carollo Enginners in the amount of about $462,000 (total design/environmental review costs are estimated at $525,000). Construction costs would be in addition to that sum.

Operational costs at the plant will go up slightly at the plant after the proposed change.

■ The council will consider submission of a $475,000 grant application to California's state parks department for conversion of an old rice mill pier to a "dramatic pedestrian overlook and fishing pier" in the city's Bridge District. The disused pier is long disused. It's located along the River Walk Trail.

With funding, staff estimates that the rehab of the Mill Street Pier could be finished as early as this fall.

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as an asset and are eager to have more sites like our flagship 5th and C farm in our town... We will use the funds to improve livability and food access while increasing the visibility of West Sacramento as a regional food hub."

Other grant-winners were Dallas, Texas; Rochester, New York; and Hartford, Connecticut. The winners were chosen by a panel of former mayors and national gardening experts.

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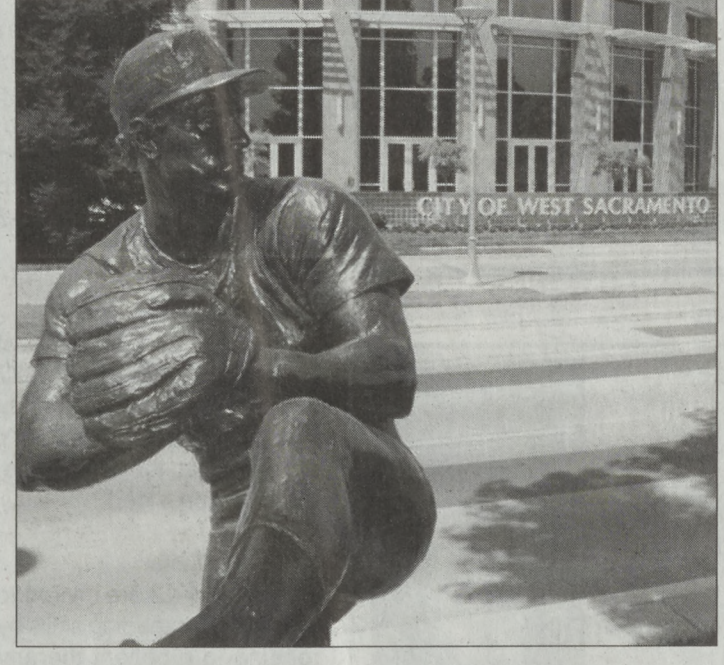
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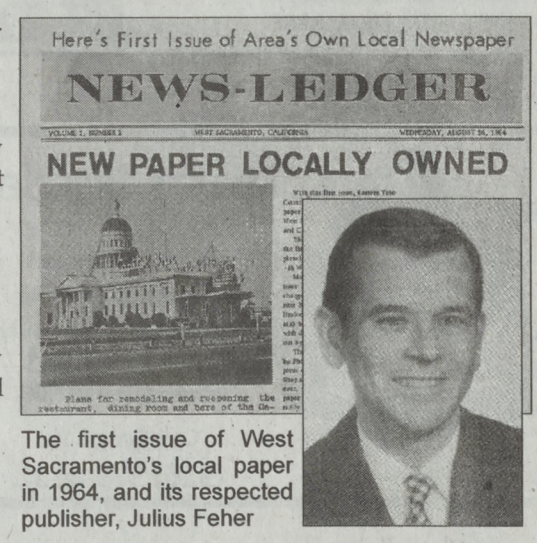
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POLICE LOG from front page

on fire with "an unknown incendiary device."

Jan. 18, 5 p.m.

At a gas station on the 1700-block of West Capitol:

"Unknown suspect throws a rock through the window for an unknown reason and runs from the scene."

Jan. 18, 5:44 p.m.

A 32-year old resident of Dorothy Adamo Lane was arrested after an officer found him near Walnut Street and West Capitol, in possession of stun gun and hypodermic needles.

Jan. 19

Reported by a man on Manzanita Way:

"Victim stated that the suspect discharged a handgun when he attempted to strike him with the gun." The investigation was marked "active," with no immediate arrest.

Jan. 19, 1:50 a.m.

An officer pulled over a 50-year old homeless man biking against traffic on the sidewalk on the 800-block of West Capitol Avenue. The man admitted he was on parole.

A search turned up a baggie with 0.5 grams of methamphetamine in the man's jacket pocket. His parole officer requested he be picked up for the violation.

Jan. 19, 12:30 a.m.

At a Riverpoint Court store that's a frequent target of shoplifters:

"(Store) Loss Prevention reported that suspect had stolen several items and walked away from them when they tried to detain him."

Officers detained the man nearby and recovered the property. Store security came to the scene and ID'd him as their shoplifting suspect. The items were recovered.

Once back at the store, though:

"Loss Prevention officers discovered that the loss of the stolen items was $21. They were unwilling to press charges any longer because it was below the amount that their policy allows them to prosecute."

Jan. 19, 6:30 a.m.

Thieves took $3,000 worth of heavy equipment and tools from a construction site on Carlin Drive. They got it from storage areas inside the closed site.

Jan. 19, 10 p.m.

A 49-year old woman was arrested and booked after an altercation between a couple at a western West Capitol motel. The suspect had hit the victim "numerous times" on the side of the head with a cell phone.

The victim had no visible injuries.

Jan. 20

City Hall reported that someone had stolen the large California state flag flying outside on one of the tall flagpoles. The loss was estimated at $500.

Jan. 20

A man reported a car burglary on Lagoon Lane. Gone were the man's corrections department ID as well as a shirt, jacket and belt from a state corrections department uniform.

Also gone was Nintendo game equipment, for a total loss of $1,000.

Jan. 20, 5:30 a.m.

The manager of a West Capitol motel tried to get a 21-year old trespasser to leave, but was told, "I will be back, you can't tell me what to do. You'll be sorry."

The subject later returned and again harassed the female manager. A responding officer jailed the suspect in the belief that the trespassing "was likely to continue" if he didn't.

Jan. 20, 10 a.m.

Two mountain bikes, worth about $1,000, were stolen from the porch of a Valley Oak Lane woman.

Jan. 20, 10:20 a.m.

On Port Street, a man reported a car burglary. Gone were a gym bag and some prescription sunglasses, for a loss of around $700.

Jan. 20, 12:30 p.m.

A speaker and amplifier were stolen from a car parked on Seaport Boulevard.

Jan. 20, 7:04 p.m.

Somebody broke into a gas station market on West Capitol Avenue, taking $70 from a cash drawer.

Jan. 20, 8 p.m.

A Jasmine Avenue woman reported receiving threatening text messages from a male acquaintance.

Jan. 20, 9 p.m.

A Sacramento woman reported her purse had been stolen. Later, a credit card from it had been used fraudulently at a West Capitol Avenue retail store.

Arts-oriented students invited to apply for summer program in Valencia

California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) looks for "the most talented high school-aged visual, literary, media, and performing artists in California."

The teenagers who are selected are designated California Arts Scholars and attend an arts institute on the campus of the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) in Valencia. The upcoming 2015 summer session will be held from July 11 - August 7.

"Last year Yolo County had four students accepted into this program," said Alison Flory, art education coordinator for YoloArts. "We are pleased to be a participant in the CSSSA Arts Scholar Network to help with connecting Yolo County's art students with this opportunity."

Students interested in applying can find the applications online at csssa.ca.gov. The deadline for submission is February 28. YoloArts has informed all of the high school art teachers in the county to help with getting the word out to qualifying students.

Instruction is offered in the fields of animation, film/video, creative writing, dance, music, theater, and the visual arts, including animation. For the 520 high school students accepted each year, CSSSA represents a unique opportunity to spend four weeks studying and working with the professional artists, writers and performers of national stature

Mariano to manage the River Cats for the SF Giants club

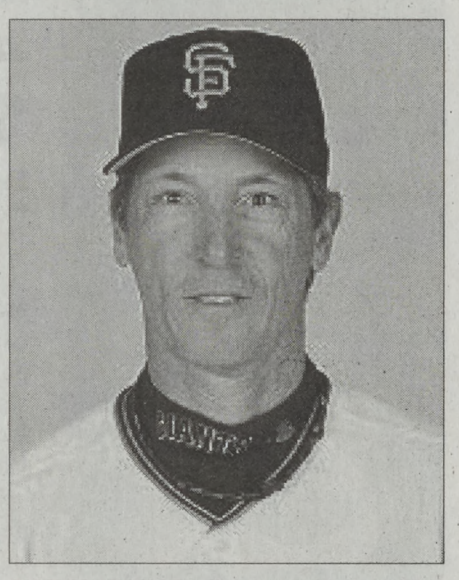
From the River Cats

Bob Mariano takes the helm as the River Cats' sixth manager since the inaugural season in Sacramento in 2000.

During his previous six seasons as the Giants Triple-A skipper, Mariano has managed several big leagues stars such as Madison Bumgarner, Buster Posey, Pablo Sandoval, and most recently Joe Panik, Travis Ishikawa, and Roseville native Andrew Susac during this past season.

Prior to managing Fresno, Mariano as served as skipper for Single-A Advanced Vero Beach (Dodgers) of the Florida State League in 2001, the Pacific Coast League's Tucson Toros (Brewers) in 1997, and the California League's Stockton Ports (Brewers) in 1995.

Mariano has been with the San Francisco Giants organization since 2005, serving as a coordinator of minor league hitting instruction for the Giants farm system from 2005-11, before beginning his managerial career in 2012. Mariano previously served as the minor league hitting instructor with the Los Angeles Dodgers (2002-04), and in roles with the Baltimore Orioles (1985-86), New York Yankees (1988-92), Milwaukee Brewers (1993-97) and Arizona Diamondbacks (1998-2000). The Phoenix native also managed in the Italian Baseball Federation and Australian Baseball Federation. The former utility player spent seven seasons in the minors with the Yankees and Orioles He originally signed with the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent in 1980.



BOB MARIANO will take the helm of the minor league team, which is based in West Sacramento, as the club switches affiliation from the A's to the Giants (courtesy photo)

Andy Skeels will serve as hitting coach at Raley Field; Dwight Bernard as pitching coach, James Petra as trainer, Brad Lawson as strength coach and Pablo Lopez as clubhouse manager.

LOCAL from back page

embroider or enjoy other 'fiber arts'? Bring your project or start something new in the crafting circle meeting 6 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Wednesday of each month at the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue.

Pinterest Party

Join the Pinterest Party at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22 at the library (1212 Merkley Ave.). Try the "classic DIY activities" at the site. Free, materials provided.

Tales for Tails

Kids age 4-12 are invited to practice their reading skills by reading to a patient therapy dog, 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, at the library (1212 Merkley Ave.)

Fire and Ice

Families are invited to a science show presented by 'Mad Science of Sacramento' at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31, at the library (1212 Merkley Avenue.). Free.

Stand up for kids

Yolo CASA, a nonprofit that specializes in advocating for children as they spend time in the foster care system, needs new volunteers. Training provided. Successful volunteers will spend time with the child they're paired with, talk to professionals and caregivers in that child's life, and advocate in the court system for the child's best interests. Call (530) 661-4200 or email volunteer@yolocasa.org. Next training session is in the evenings, Feb. 2. Orientation is noon on Thursdays at 724 Main Street, Ste. 102 in Woodland.

Homework center

Kids in grades 3-8 can receive free homework help on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. Pre-registration required: visit the library.

'Buddy reading'

Kids in grades K-3 can practice their reading skills by pairing up with a high school volunteer. There are 15-30 minute sessions available Mondays at 4:30 p.m. at the library (1212 Merkley Avenue). No charge, no reservations needed.

Practice English

Learning English? Practice in a fun, relaxed environment at the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. Drop-ins welcome. The group meets 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, 4 p.m. on Thursdays and 10 a.m. on Fridays at 1212 Merkley Avenue.

Kids' story time

The local library hosts story-time for children.

Spanish/English storytime meets Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

Russian storytime is every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Family storytime is Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

All sessions are free and meet at the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue.

Homework helpers

Volunteer in the homework center, helping kids in grades 3-8. The center is in the library (1212 Merkley Avenue) and is open 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers work with the Center Assistant to help kids in subjects such as reading, math and spelling. Contact Abigail Craig, Abigail.Craig@yolocounty.org or 375-6469.

Joke of the week:

Howard County police officers still write their reports by hand, and the data is entered later by a computer tech into their database. One theft report stated that a farmer had lost 2,025 pigs. Thinking that to be an error, the tech called the farmer directly.

"Is it true, Mr. Smith, that you lost 2,025 pigs?" she asked.

"Yeth," lisped the farmer.

Being a Howard County girl herself, the tech figured it out. She entered: "Subject lost 2 sows and 25 pigs."

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Couch Theater DVD Previews

By Sam Struckhoff

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" (PG) -- Based on the beloved kids book, this family-film adaptation gives us a likable account of unfortunate events in the lives of an 11-year-old and his (briefly) family. Alex (Ed Oxenbould) is the victim of escalating misfortunes, from gum in his hair to sharing a birthday with an infinitely more popular kid. Once Alex has his bad day, he wishes his parents (Steve Carell and Jennifer Garner) and siblings could feel what it's like -- and they soon do.

Disney delivers a satisfactory update of the original story, without pushing any boundaries. Alex, for instance, has to face the new-age humiliation of seeing his face photoshopped into a mocking image. Ultimately, we get a few chuckles while learning an important lesson -- good luck swings both ways.



Ed Oxenbould as "Alexander"

"Nightcrawler" (R) -- Jake Gylenhaal plays a ruthless amateur clawing his way to the top of the local news game. Lou Bloom (Gylenhaal) is an ever-smiling, self-taught, ambitious and amoral kind of "reporter" -- his bread and butter come from filming blood, car wrecks and other types of mayhem. He's energetic, yet dead behind the eyes. On his way to the top, Bloom winds up at the center of one of his own gruesome stories.

The force of the film comes from Jake Gyllenhaal's performance as a charming sociopath. On one hand, you can't stop watching him, while on the other hand, you really believe this guy would chop up his grandma if somebody would pay for the pictures.

"Force Majeur" (R) -- This dark comedy gathered good buzz at the Cannes film festival as one of the best foreign-language flicks to hit the screen. It follows a Swedish family taking some quality-time at a high-end ski resort, under the constant threat of "controlled" avalanches that keep the slopes how they're supposed to be. During one such planned avalanche, Tomas -- the dad of the family -- gets frightened and makes a run for safety, leaving his wife and kids, well ... behind. The avalanche turns out to be nothing, but Tomas' act of cowardice becomes a comical crisis of its own.

"Rosewater" (R) -- This directorial debut for Jon Stewart (TV's "The Daily Show") uses the real-life story of an Iranian-born journalist (Gael Garcia-Bernal) and the suffering he faced -- partly as a result of his appearance on Stewart's comedy show. Maziar Bahari was born in Tehran, but had Canadian citizenship when he was detained as an enemy of the state and tortured for 118 days. His "crimes" were related to his coverage of a presidential candidate running against Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Iran's tumultuous 2009 election. It's a film about hope and human suffering, shot with a comedian's sensitivity for irony and emotion.

TV RELEASES

"Nurse Jackie Season 6"
"Mama's Family: Season 6"
"Hart to Hart: Season 4"
"Peanuts: Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown"
"Captain Scarlet and The Mysterons: Complete Series"

Books

The Darkest Part of the Forest"
by Holly Black
(Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, $18)
Reviewed by
Ealish Waddell

For generations, the horned boy has lain in his glass coffin deep in the woods outside Fairfold. The townspeople party around him and tourists come to gawk and take selfies, but nothing ever rouses him from his enchanted sleep. Hazel and her brother Ben have each grown up at least half in love with the horned boy and the magic and mystery he represents, even though they know quite well just how dangerous such things can be -- for Fairfold is a town living an uneasy truce with the magical beings that dwell all around it, and not all the Fair Folk are benign.

Hazel and Ben always wanted to be heroes. With her sword and his music, they've already vanquished several bad fae between them. But time and tragedy have worn away at their ambition, if not their bond. Then, one autumn day, the horned boy wakes up.

Unlike the gentle prince of their romantic daydreams, this boy is a dangerous stranger, on the run from the malevolent Alderking. A terrifying monster is stalking him and the town, and desperate for a scapegoat, Fairfold is turning on its own. The truce is breaking down. In order to save their friends and family, Hazel and Ben must become those long-ago heroes again and confront the secrets they've been keeping from each other -- and, especially, the ones they're keeping from themselves.

Holly Black has a knack for depicting the kind of world that the reader yearns to be a part of, and yet is also rather grateful not to be. Her fairies are the deliciously creepy kind: inscrutable, amoral, alluring, dangerous. Pairing this ancient tradition with modern human relationships that are complex yet relatable, "Forest" is a satisfying work of standalone urban fantasy: rich, bold and thoroughly compelling.

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The Kitchen Diva

By Angela Shelf Medearis



One-Bowl Wonder

Every day, somewhere in the world, an anthropologist is studying old pottery and other ancient remnants of our society, giving us new insights into our culinary past. Soup, the simple unapologetic dish that is as classic as a black dress, has always been considered a primitive meal. But recent discoveries show that soup may be even older than originally believed.

Scientists at Harvard University have found 20,000-year-old pottery that shows evidence of being exposed to fire. No one knows for sure what was heated, but there are many reasons to believe it was a broth cooked up by our ancient ancestors.

Fast-forward thousands of years, and there is more information available about the one-pot meal called "sop," which referred to a piece of bread eaten in broth. By the 17th century, the word "soup" was being used to describe a pottage, or broth. What we know today is that soup, in all its flavors, has humble beginnings. But plain or fancy, complicated or straightforward, it is an ingenious way to have a complete meal in one bowl.

Soup, in its many international versions, is an edible ambassador of its origin. From rich, spicy Mexican soups to light Asian broths, soup is as distinct as the people and the countries from which it comes. If most Americans were asked to say the first word that comes to mind when they hear the word "soup," it would be "chicken" or "beef." This reflects our distinct history and what was available to our ancestors.

The early origins of soup consisted of the boiled carcass of an animal. As the early settlers began to have success agriculturally, vegetables were added to the pot. The slaves of the American south, who had little in the way of meat, harkened back to their African roots and were inventive in making soups and stews with vegetables of all kinds. Gumbo, a word from West African dialects meaning okra, originated, this way. The soup consisted of a variety of meats, and thickened with okra or "file," a powder made from ground sassafras leaves.

Although some soups are cold, most are hot, and when frost, snow or chilly air prevail, soup is a wonderful way to create a one-bowl meal. The beauty of soup is that it can reflect whatever you have on hand. It's a great way to use leftovers or make the most of half bags of rice or macaroni, a random carrot or potato, or a mixture of greens. It's also an incomparable way to get the most of meat trimmings or to just be luxurious and cook a chicken for no other reason than to make the best chicken soup ever.

My recipe for Creamy Chicken Soup is truly a meal in a bowl, and a bright, spicy and flavorful remedy for a cold and dreary day.

CREAMY CHICKEN SOUP

8 slices bacon, chopped
1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into bite-size pieces
1 1/2 tablespoons poultry seasoning
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons ground black pepper
1 1/2 cups chopped red bell peppers
1 cup chopped purple onions
1 jalapeno pepper, finely chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
6 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
2 large Yukon gold potatoes, chopped
2 cups fresh sweet corn kernels or 2 cups frozen corn kernels
1 1/2 cups whipping cream
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 bay leaves
2 green onions, roots removed, white and green parts chopped, optional

1. In a 5- to 6-quart Dutch oven, cook bacon until crisp. Remove bacon pieces with a spoon; set aside. Reserve 1 tablespoon of drippings in pan.
2. Add chicken to pan. Sprinkle with poultry seasoning and a teaspoon of salt and black pepper. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until chicken is no longer pink; remove from pan.
3. Add sweet pepper and onion to pan. Cook and stir until tender. Add chopped jalapeno and garlic; cook and stir for 3 minutes.
4. Stir in flour and remaining salt and pepper. Cook and stir for 1 minute. Add broth and potatoes. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Cook, uncovered, for 10 minutes or just until potatoes are tender when pierced with a fork, stirring occasionally.
5. Stir in chicken, corn, cream, cayenne pepper and bay leaves. Simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Discard bay leaves. Top with green onion, if desired. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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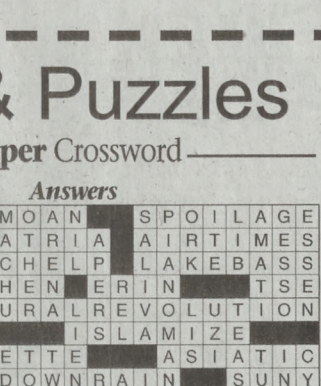
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Weekly SUDOKU

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— MEDIA



Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Dog's ear is shorter. 3. Mitten is removed. 4. Sun is missing. 5. Book is missing. 6. Cap is missing.

PUZZLES & COMICS

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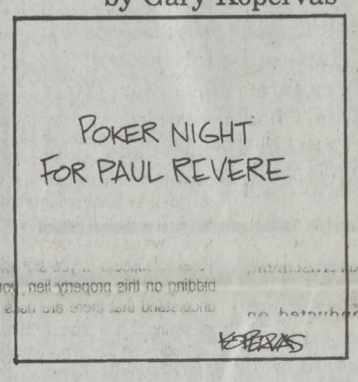
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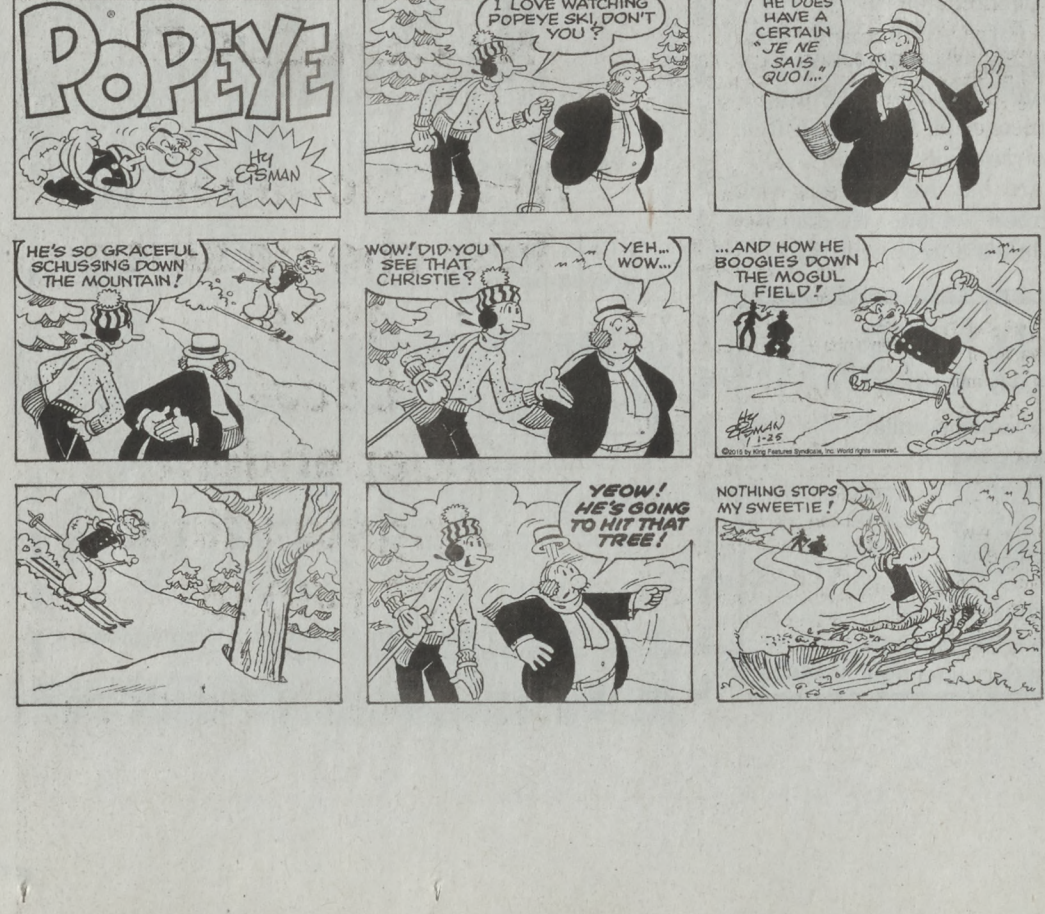




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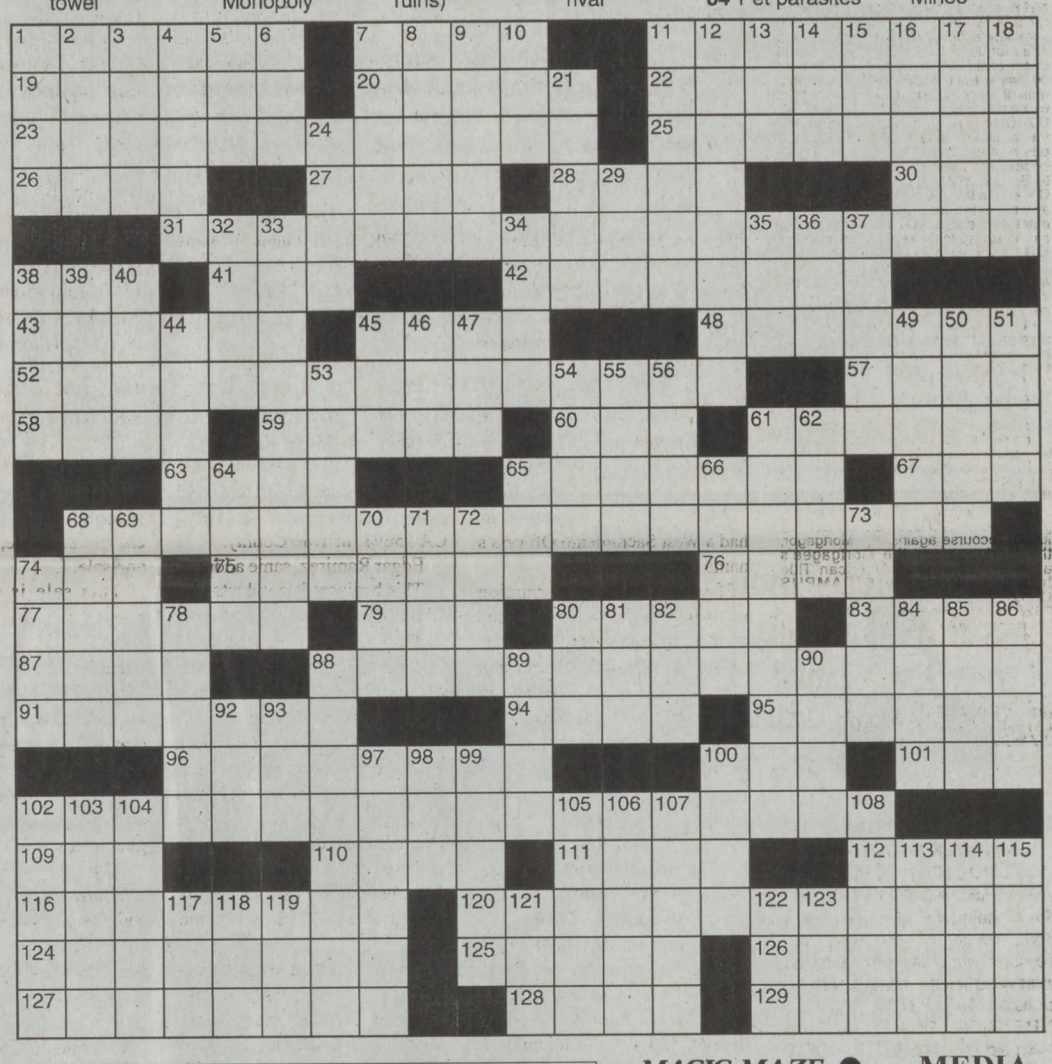
SIX FROM THE FAB FOUR

ACROSS

1 Approach intrusively
7 Lamenter's sound
11 Process of going bad
19 Attach with heat, as a patch
20 Heart sections
22 When shows are broadcast
23 Butler or maid
25 Fish also called a largemouth
26 Mop
27 At that point
28 CNN anchor Burnett
30 China's Mao — -tung
31 1960s reform movement in China
38 "Sid the Science Kid" network
41 Tracker maker, once
42 Convert to the Koran's religion
43 Chevy model
45 Suffix with towel
48 Korean, Thai or Chinese
52 Precipitating heavily
57 Big Apple sch.
58 Off-white
59 March composer John Philip —
60 Cease
61 Lives (in)
63 It lures fish
65 Loss of memory
67 Posed (for)
68 "Stop thinking of me as so naive"
74 "— recall ..."
75 Headlined
76 Dying words from Caesar
77 Inflicts upon
79 Honshu sash
80 Small piece
83 Ad biz prize
87 Collaborator
88 Person in the third decade of life
91 Frantic scramble
94 Correct copy
95 Hitchcock classic
96 Light blue avenue in Monopoly
100 Neat — pin
101 Announcer Hall
102 American flier with scarlet patches
109 Special time
110 Tabula —
111 Postal letters
112 Get in return
116 Person petting
120 What the last words of 23-, 31-, 52-, 68-, 88- and 102-Across are
124 Unusual
125 1983 Streisand film
126 Holy rings
127 Property of a magnet
128 Solar output
129 Fully ready

DOWN

1 Bails out, e.g.
2 Brag loudly
3 Unconscious state
4 Final non-A.D. year
5 "Mayday!"
6 Blast source
7 — Picchu (Peruvian site of Incan ruins)
8 Alternative
9 Game venue
10 Zip
11 Mouth liquid
12 Billy Joel hit
13 Planet Mork came from
14 Suffix with social
15 Ad- —
16 Rare violin
17 Undercoat for painting on wood
18 West German city
21 People who mimic
24 "What's — ya?"
29 Brother or aunt: Abbr.
32 Tangelo trademark
33 Tilts one's body toward
34 Bank claim
35 Fleur-de- —
36 Israeli arm
37 Poke fun at
38 Conduit
39 Coll. hotshot
40 Motivate
44 Island near Venezuela
45 College Web site suffix
46 Set- — (sharp fights)
47 Old United rival
49 Oklahoma oil city
50 Mosaic work
51 Certain skin bulge
53 "You — see this!"
54 — Martin (cognac)
55 British queen
56 "Beware the — of March!"
61 Coke Zero alternative
62 Witch's blemish
64 Secy., e.g.
65 Moreover
66 Vapor
68 Land in water, in Italy
69 Use, as a tool
70 Sweat of one's —
71 "Kill — killed!"
72 Hold in check
73 Small state ruled by a sovereign
74 Eve's man
78 Actor Max von —
80 Rocker Barrett
81 CBS drama
82 Turn rancid
84 Pet parasites
85 With a sharp picture, for short
86 Hymn start
88 Epithet for Alexander
89 Be a ratfink
90 Alexis I, e.g.
92 Jackie's hubby #2
93 Offense
97 Almost
98 Six-pt. plays
99 Cry like —
100 Amply skilled
102 Rundown
103 Bards' Muse
104 Singer Hall
105 Oven maker
106 Spiteful
107 Passes idly, as time
108 Dryly funny
113 Slaughter of baseball
114 James with a Pulitzer
115 Discreet call
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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MAGIC MAZE ● — MEDIA

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

British, Broadcast, Liberal, Magnetic, Mainstream, Mass, Multi, Online, Print, Removable, Right-wing, Social, Sports, Storage, Visual

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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TSG No.: 8471702 TS No.: CA1400261103 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 6000164025 APN: 014-061-017-000 Property Address: 804 SOLANO STREET WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/13/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/10/2015 at 12:45 P.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 06/21/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0029321-00, in book , page , , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of California. Executed by: PEDRO ARSEDO, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 014-061-017- 000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 804 SOLANO STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $509,741.96. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 or visit this Internet Web http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case CA1400261103 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 6 CAMPUS CIRCLE, 2ND FLOOR Westlake, TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772NPP0240593 To: NEWS LEDGER 01/21/2015, 01/28/2015, 02/04/2015

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT KADELL
CASE NO. PB14-220

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT KADELL.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DANIEL J. KADELL in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DANIEL J. KADELL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 02/10/15 at 9:00AM in Dept. 2 located at 725 COURT ST., ROOM 103, WOODLAND, CA 95695

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner
RICHARD W. MCGINNIS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
735 SUNRISE AVE #208
ROSEVILLE CA 95661
1/14, 1/21, 1/28/15
CNS-2705312#
NEWS-LEDGER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2014-1046

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FCLS, 959 S. Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, CA 92626., County of Orange.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: AI #ON:
Registered owner(s):
First Choice Loan Services Inc., One Tower Center, 18th Fl. East Brunswick, NJ 08816.
This business is conducted by a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ First Choice Loan Services Inc., Norman Koenigsberg, President.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo on December 15, 2014.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Original
1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4/15
CNS-2705451#
NEWS-LEDGER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by Thomas McDonald, Chief of Police, West Sacramento Police Department: On 12/15/2014, a thin, white female approximately 40 years old wearing a tan trench coat, white scarf and carrying a green umbrella entered the front lobby of the West Sacramento Police Department. The unknown female left an envelope on the front counter containing an undisclosed amount of money. The envelope had a West Sacramento Officers's name on it.

If you have any information regarding the above mentioned incident, please contact the West Sacramento Police Department Property Division, 916 617-4950 between the hours of 8:30 – 4:30 Monday through Thursday before February 17, 2015.

Dec 31 Feb 11

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 12, 2014
File No. 2014-1043

The following person is doing business as Sacramento Professional Facilitators, 827 Brass Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691, in Yolo County.

Heidi Kolbe & Company, same address.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov 25, 2014.

/s/Heidi R. Kolbe, President
Heidi Kolbe & Company

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 12, 2014
/s/Kimberli Quam, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 31, 2014
File No. 2014-1064

The following person is doing business as Yolo Transfer Moving and Storage, 1238 E Beamer St. #A, Woodland CA 95776, in Yolo County.

Josh Tracy, 9004 Harvest Way, Sacramento CA 95826.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/16/14.

/s/Josh Tracy

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 22, 2014
/s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 16, 2014
File No. 2014-1050

The following person is doing business as OM-MANTRA HIMALAYAN HANDICRAFTS, 820 Atwell Circle, Woodland CA 95776, in Yolo County.

Anand Raj Neupane, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Anand Raj Neupane

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Jan. 14 21 28 Feb 4

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 23, 2014
File No. 2014-0001068

The following person is doing business as Barba Norteña, 3193 Santa Cruz Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691, in Yolo County.

Edgar Ramirez, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/1/14.

/s/Edgar Ramirez

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State of California
County of Yolo
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Date: Dec 23, 2014
/s/Liz Mahovlich, Deputy Clerk
Jan. 14 21 28 Feb 4

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

Self-storage unit contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart to satisfy a lien January 28, 2015 at approx. 11:00 pm at storagebattles.com: B18 Jesse Renno, D05 Richard Fitzpatrick, D22 Shane Holloman, F05 Chris Boyd, F18 Felecia Sims, I44 Mary George, K53 Luis Villegas, K57 Kaylene Kelley.

Jan 14 21

NOTICE OF VEHICLE LIEN SALE

The vehicle described below will be sold at public auction to satisfy a lien at 9:00 a.m. on Jan. 26, 2015, at Dollar Tow Company, 2230 Rice Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:

License number: 6L78423; State: CA; Year of License: 2015, VIN: JW6BBE1H1YL008512; Make: Mits; Year: 2000; box truck.

Jan 14

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 30, 2014
File No. 2014-1080

The following person is doing business as CONNECT TRANSPORT, 3400 Bridgeway Lakes Dr., West Sacramento CA 95691, in Yolo County.

Harjinder Singh, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Harjinder Singh

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County of Yolo
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Date: Dec 30, 2014
/s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
Jan. 21 28 Feb 4 11

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 6, 2015
File No. 2015-12

The following person is doing business as AHI-KOO A JOINT VENTURE, 752 Northport Dr., Suite H, West Sacramento CA 95691, in Yolo County.

Mark Adams, 9927 Obsidian Way, Sacramento CA 95829; Keith Odister, 2510 Boatman Avenue, West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.

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/s/Mark Adams
/s/Keith Odister

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 6, 2015
/s/Kimberli Quam, Deputy Clerk
Jan. 21 28 Feb 4 11

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a mobilehome, registered to Emma Sharon Pinto and Joseph Anthony Pinto II, interested parties Sharon Pinto, Joseph Pinto and Richard Pinto, and described as a 1985 Casita mobilehome, Decal Number LAI8526, Serial Number 12611321, Label/Insignia Number CAL304599, and stored on property within the Westwind Estates, 1399 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento, California, 95605 (specifically the space designated as #92 within the park), will be sold by auction at the mobilehome park at the Westwind Estates, 1399 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento, California, 95605, (specifically the space designated as #92 within the park), on **February 9, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.**, on and such succeeding sale days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sales will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale.

This sale is conducted on a cash or certified fund basis only (cash, cashier's check or travelers' checks only). Personal checks and/or business checks are not acceptable. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. No exceptions. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees.

This sale under authority of California Civil Code 798.56a and Commercial Code 7210.
DATED: January 8, 2015
/s/JOSEPH W. CARROLL
Attorney at Law
1231 I St., Suite 203
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 443-9000

Jan 21 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on February 9, 2015 at 1:30PM at the Extra Space Storage facility located at: 975 F St.
W. Sacramento CA, 95605
(916) 372-7427

The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances.

Belinda Alvarez, Thomas Powell, Kathleen Lugo, Sumaria Love, Michelle Hamilton, Marie Chamberlain, Evelyn Smith, Donald Wilson, Adam Rudi, Dawn Johnson, Loretta Williams, Alejandro Rangel, Brenda Arbuckle, Samara Kilgore.

Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.

Jan 21 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash or credit by CubeSmart 541 Harbor Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 to satisfy a lien on February 5, 2015 at approx. 12:00PM on www.storagetreasures.com : Bobby Choate, Shane Holloman, Tania Petrof Sutton, Maryann Garcia, Santa Contarini, Richard Sturcke, Christina Jennings, Danielle Walker.

Jan 21 & 28

State of California
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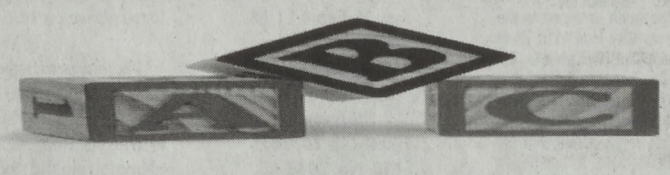
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Washington Unified School District

2015-2016 Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Registration



Your child is eligible for **Kindergarten** if his/her 5th birthday falls on or before September 1st, 2015. A child is eligible for **Transitional Kindergarten** if his/her 5th birthday falls on or between September 2nd, 2015 and December 2nd, 2015.

Registration Date: Saturday, February 21st, 2015

Time: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Where to Register: You need to register your child at his/her neighborhood school. *Please visit our website to use our school locater, under "our schools" tab.*

Please bring the following documents for registration:

Child's birth certificate, **immunization records** (must be up-to-date), **proof of address** (utility bill, mortgage/rental agreement), **physical** (must be dated after August 2014), **dental exam**, and **social security card** (optional).

Please contact Student and Family Support Services at (916) 375-7600 Ext. 1370 if you have any questions.

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'Blind date with a book'

Among the free events coming up at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue:

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK: FEBRUARY 1-14TH

Visit the Library for more information about this fun event.

COMPUTER BASICS: FOR BEGINNERS FEBRUARY 3RD 9-10AM

Learn the different parts of a computer, how to use a mouse and keyboard, and gain confidence in computer use. No experience necessary. Call 916-375-6465 or visit the Library to register.

FUN WITH CHOCOLATE FOR TEENS AND ADULTS: FEBRUARY 11TH 6PM

Teens and adults are invited to join us for a special and fun program with chocolate.

WHATS HAPPENING SENIORS: FEBRUARY 18TH AT 11AM

This is a social group for older adults to discuss current events and timely issues.

DROP IN VALENTINE CRAFT: FEBRUARY 12-14TH

Stop by the Library to create a valentine craft for your special Valentine.

EVENING BOOK CLUB : FEBRUARY 18TH, 6PM

Join in this monthly book club and explore new worlds. For more details call Cindy at 916-731-5504.

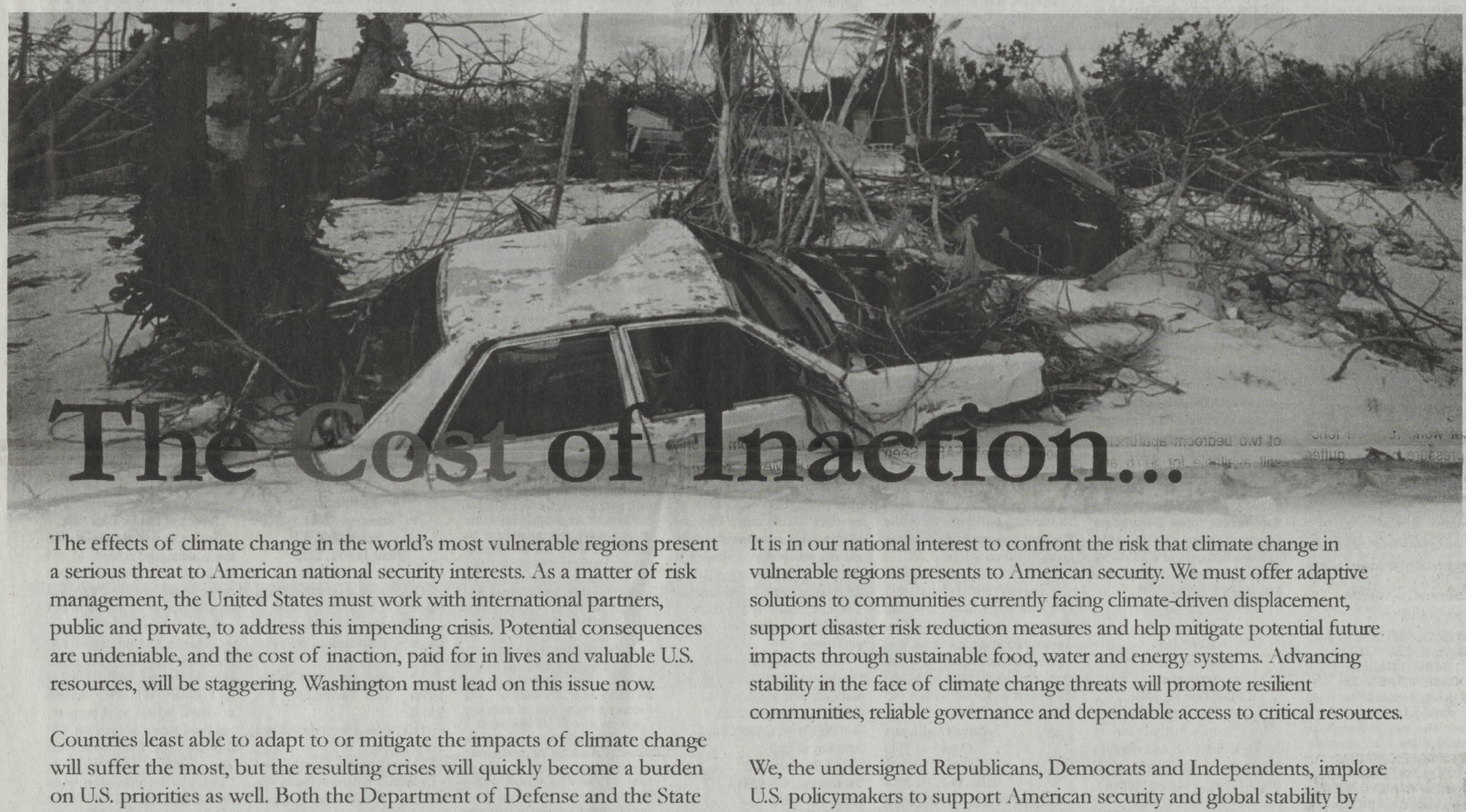
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30 MoneyGram locations in Yolo County, over 6,200 throughout California and 39,000 nationwide that provide bill payment services. Payments can be made at 18 retail chains including CVS, Wal-Mart, Albertsons, Lucky, Raley's/Bel Air, Food Maxx, 7-Eleven and others.

To make a payment through MoneyGram, parents will need their personal Participant Identification Number (PAR ID) and the group "Receive Code 14630." MoneyGram charges child support customers a $1.99 convenience fee. For many, that is less than the cost of the gas needed to drive to a child support office. Payments can take up to three days to post, so parents are advised to plan accordingly.

Child support payments may also be made online, by phone and by mail. In-person payments are still available at the local child support office in Woodland. Fees are not charged for using these payment options.

For information about payment options or to make a payment online, visit: www.childsup.ca.gov/PaymentOptions or call 866-901-3212.



The Cost of Inaction...

The effects of climate change in the world's most vulnerable regions present a serious threat to American national security interests. As a matter of risk management, the United States must work with international partners, public and private, to address this impending crisis. Potential consequences are undeniable, and the cost of inaction, paid for in lives and valuable U.S. resources, will be staggering. Washington must lead on this issue now.

Countries least able to adapt to or mitigate the impacts of climate change will suffer the most, but the resulting crises will quickly become a burden on U.S. priorities as well. Both the Department of Defense and the State Department have identified climate change as a serious risk to American security and an agent of instability. Without precautionary measures, climate change impacts abroad could spur mass migrations, influence civil conflict and ultimately lead to a more unpredictable world. In fact, we may already be seeing signs of this as vulnerable communities in some of the most fragile and conflict-ridden states are increasingly displaced by floods, droughts and other natural disasters. Protecting U.S. interests under these conditions would progressively exhaust American military, diplomatic and development resources as we struggle to meet growing demands for emergency international engagement.

It is in our national interest to confront the risk that climate change in vulnerable regions presents to American security. We must offer adaptive solutions to communities currently facing climate-driven displacement, support disaster risk reduction measures and help mitigate potential future impacts through sustainable food, water and energy systems. Advancing stability in the face of climate change threats will promote resilient communities, reliable governance and dependable access to critical resources.

We, the undersigned Republicans, Democrats and Independents, implore U.S. policymakers to support American security and global stability by addressing the risks of climate change in vulnerable nations. Their plight is our fight; their problems are our problems. Even as we face budgetary austerity and a fragile economic recovery, public and private sectors must work together to meet the funding demands of this strategic investment in internationally-backed solutions. Effective adaptation and mitigation efforts in these countries will protect our long-standing security interests abroad.

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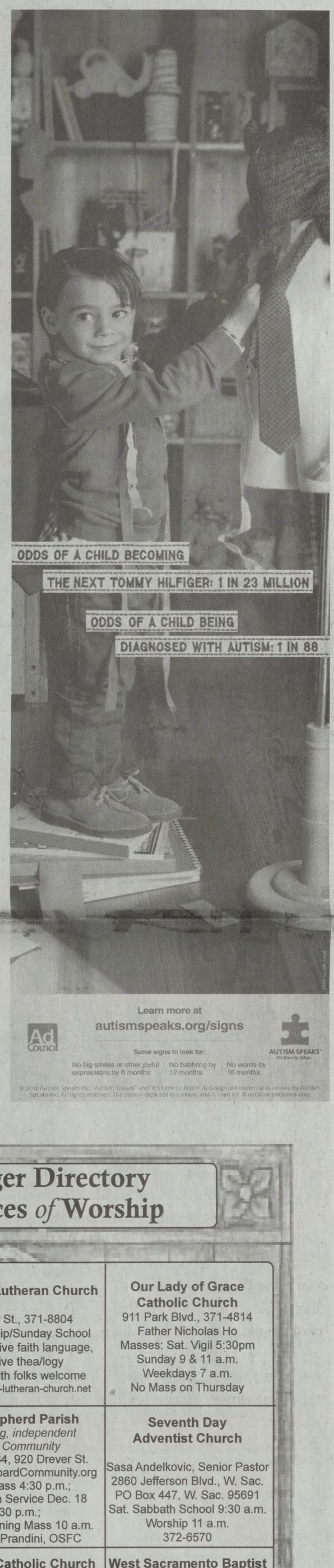
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Your local Elks Lodge invites you to Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 8 at 423 3rd St. Cost of $7.50 gets you a brunch including BLT, potato salad and cole slaw. Info: 617-6883.

For seniors:

The new 'What's Happening, Seniors?' group gets together next at 11 a.m. on Feb. 18 at the local library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. The group meets every third Wednesday. Various transportation services available.

The group of active seniors intends to "make new friends, share stories, learn from one another, plan activities and find out 'What's Happening?' in West Sacramento and beyond. For information, call 617-2288.

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The library will host a computer class for beginners, from 9-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1212 Merkley Ave. Learn how to use a mouse, create a document and surf the web. Library card and PIN are required. Register in advance at the desk or by calling 375-6465.

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Education awards

The Yolo County School Boards Association would like you to save the date of March 16: At 5:30 p.m., the association will host its annual award presentation. More information coming later.

Casino trip

Holy Cross Altar Society is organizing a Valentine's Day trip to Graton Resort & Casino in Santa Rosa. The bus leaves at 10 a.m. and returns at 7. Cost of $30 includes driver tip, games, munchies, raffle and soft drinks. The trip includes a four-hour visit to the casino on Feb. 14, casino refund of $10 cash and $5 food credit. Call Kathy, 371-8358 or 996-7393.

Cajun/Zydeco

Andrew Carriere and the Zydeco/Cajun All Stars perform from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Bryte VFW Post, 1708 Lisbon Ave. $15 cover includes dance lessons at 2 p.m. Food for sale from 2-4. Call Buddy Linker, 371-6303 or 718-4175.

City College

The West Sacramento branch of Sacramento City College is accepting spring semester signups. Visit 1115 West Capitol Avenue or call 375-5511.

Kindergarten sign-up

West Sacramento's public school district, Washington Unified School District, will hold signups for 2015-2016 kindergarten and transitional kindergarten on Sat., Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon.

A child is eligible for kindergarten if his or her fifth birthday falls on or before Sept. 1, and for transitional kindergarten if the fifth birthday is on or between Sept. 2 – Dec. 2, 2015.

Register at your neighborhood school (see www.wusd.k12.ca.gov to find your campus). Bring the child's birth certificate, up-to-date immunization records, proof of address (utility bill, mortgage, rental agreement), physical dated after August of 2014, dental exam and (optional) Social Security card. Questions? Call 375-7600 ext. 1370.

Dad/daughter dance

Local fathers and daughters are invited to attend the City's annual "Father Daughter Dance.

Choose either Friday, Feb. 20, or Sat., Feb. 21, from 6-9 p.m. at the city hall galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Semi-formal dance with dinner buffet, professional photos and a DJ to the "Candy Land" theme.

Register online at www.cityofwestsacramento.org or at the community center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue. $40 for fathers, $20 for each daughter (girls age three and under free).

Women's history

The Yolo County Women's History Month Committee has scheduled their women's history month luncheon for Thursday, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Street in Woodland.

This year's theme: "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives." Save the date; more information coming. Contact Louisa R. Vessell, 451-2113, email lvessell@sbcglobal.net, or visit www.ycwhm.org.

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The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will hold bingo sessions on Friday nights beginning Jan. 9. Doors and snack bar open at 6 and games begin at 7. $10 buy-in. 423 Third Street. Questions? Call 215-0102.

Money raised will go to the Elks National Foundation.

Rock the Box

Local and native West Sacramento musicians will headline a concert on Sat., Feb. 7, at the "Black Box Theater" inside the city community center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue. Performers will include Mick Martin, Lew Fratis, Mike McGowan and Cindy Tuttle, along with other guests. Refreshments and microbrews available for purchase. $10 donation; net profits will go to the parks department's fund to acquire a mobile stage. The show is at 8 p.m.

The show is in conjunction with an exhibit called "Rock and Radio Remembered," featuring memorabilia from the Sacramento Rock and Radio Museum. The exhibit at the community center will be curated by Dennis Newhall, a West Sacramento native. The exhibit will feature an opening reception the night of the concert (Feb. 7) and will be available for viewing during business hours through February.

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